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STRESS GERMAN UNITY
U.S. WILL URGE ALLIES

Main Goal Set

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is expected to urge its European allies here this week to make Soviet agreement to a German unity plan the No. 1 Western goal in forthcoming negotiations with the Soviet Union.

Foreign ministers of the other Western powers began arriving Saturday for a series of conferences which will start Tuesday and run through next Saturday.

West Germany's Heinrich von Brentano was the first to reach Washington.

ONLY ONE WAY

Maurice Couve de Murville of France is due today and Britain's Selwyn Lloyd is scheduled to arrive Tuesday.

Brentano told reporters on landing in New York that "German reunification would automatically solve the Berlin problem."

Questioned here about the possibility of achieving German unity by stages, Brentano said he thought it would be "completely wrong to speak of stages" because the only way to merge the two parts of Germany fully "is by free democratic elections."

POSITION NOT CLEAR

Whether this could be taken to imply some objection on his part to a step-by-step process which U.S. officials have been working on for several months was not clear.

The Western powers have proposed a foreign ministers' meeting with the Soviet Union beginning at Geneva May 11 to deal with the whole range of German problems including the East-West dispute over Berlin. The foreign ministers' session, according to Western notes sent to Moscow last week, will be followed by a summit conference if the foreign ministers' work in the western view justifies such a top-level gathering.

BIG THREE TALKS

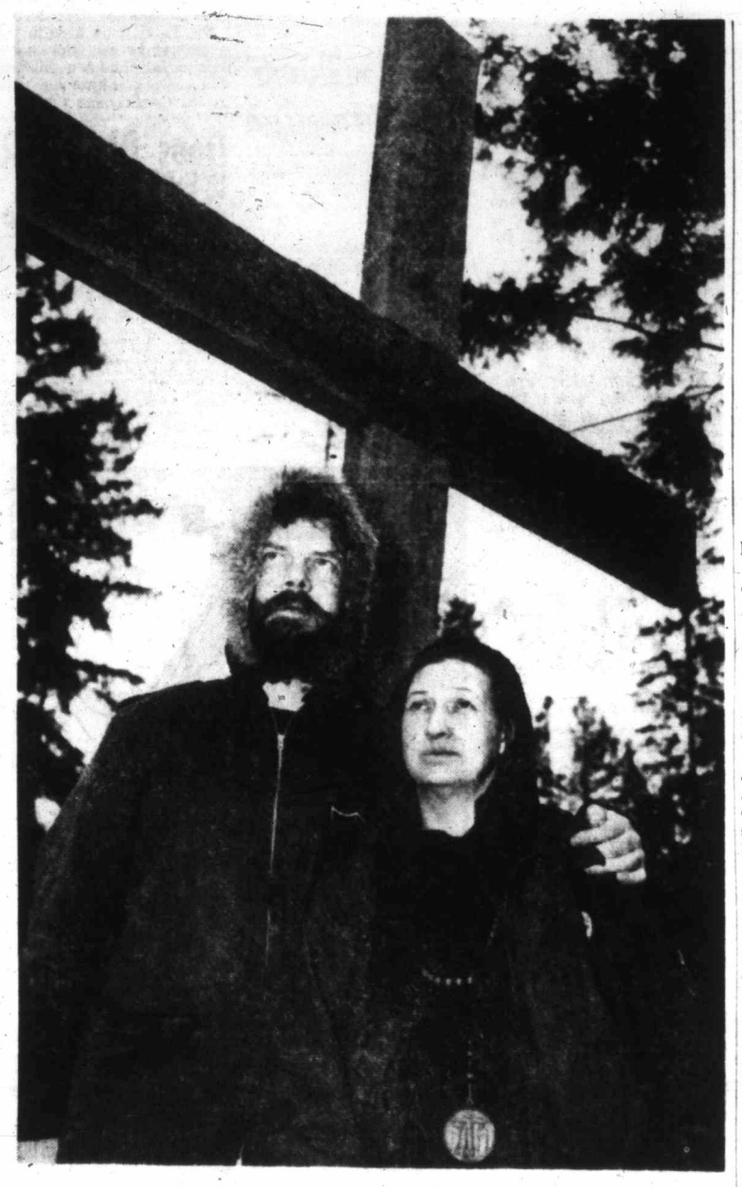
Acting U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, Lloyd and Couve de Murville will begin the series of Allied strategy meetings with a conference at the state department Tuesday.

Brentano is scheduled to join the conferences late Tuesday or Wednesday. The United States, Britain and France are co-ordinating their policy plans with the West German regime of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

U.S. officials said that in the American view the Western powers must concentrate their initial efforts on getting Soviet agreement to a plan for reunification even though there is new evidence that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will reject the whole approach.

This evidence came on Friday when Soviet newspapers published declarations made by Khrushchev March 7—20 days earlier—at a communist all-German workers' conference in Leipzig. He declared that unification of Germany "would be unrealistic today."

JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
. . . analyzes moves



Organizer and Wife Rest During Tiring Journey

Pacific Cross pilgrimage by relays of members of Vancouver Island Catholic organizations carrying a 120-pound replica of the cross of Christ, 73 miles from Nanaimo to Victoria, was organized by W. L. Maund Cote Carter, with his wife above, during pause in the long trek. He modelled it on a similar pilgrimage observed annually in England. (See pictures, Page 8.)

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Cross-Bearing Trek Nears End

Weary Pilgrims Due Here Today

Footsore, weary pilgrims carrying a heavy cedar cross in a Nanaimo to Victoria trek symbolizing the last earthly hours of Jesus Christ, rested last night near the end of their 73-mile Pacific Cross march.

As the little band of Twentieth Century pigrims rested aching muscles and blistered feet before attempting today the stiff climb over the Malahat, the whole Christian world was joining in preparations for the joyous climax of the religious year—anniversary of the Resurrection.

BECOMES ORDEAL

For the Pacific Cross pilgrims what had started out as a penance and show of unity of the Roman Catholic faith had become an ordeal pushing many of the marchers close to the limits of physical endurance.

Soaked by pouring rains and chilled by a biting wind they had been on the road over 48 hours, cooking over camp stoves and snatching what sleep they could in damp sleeping bags during rest periods.

BLISTERED, BLOODY

Feet unaccustomed to walking hour after hour on hard road surfaces first became blistered, then bloody as they continued to take punishment. At rest stops bandages and adhesive tape were used liberally to ease the pain.

Three at a time they shouldered the cedar cross weighing 120 pounds, shifting positions more frequently as the march wore on to ease aching shoulder and back muscles. Boy and girl marchers took their turn at carrying the cross.

STARTED THURSDAY

The pilgrimage started in Nanaimo on Thursday night with members of Vancouver Island Catholic youth organi-

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One Man Critical

Four Persons Hurt In Comox Accident

COMOX — Four persons, one of them critically injured, were admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital here following a car-truck collision at the bottom of Comox hill on the main highway between here and Courtenay, at 8.15 last night.

In "critical" condition is John Smith, 16, of Courtenay, passenger in a car driven by Ray Watkins, 16, of Courtenay. The Smith youth suffered a fractured femur and other injuries.

CONDITION FAIR

The Watkins youth, who suffered a fractured ankle, facial abrasions and shock, was reported in "fair" condition.

Driver of the panel pickup truck, Don Haas, 47, of Courtenay, sustained a fractured nose, severe facial cuts, bruises and abrasions. He was in "fair" condition last night.

Also in "fair" condition was the truck driver's son, Barry Haas, 16, passenger, who suffered shock, abrasions and bruises.

John Montcrieff, 15, of Comox, passenger in the truck, was released after he was treated for bruises at St. Joseph's.

It is believed the driver of the car swerved when a car in front of him came to a sudden stop. The car struck the side of an oncoming pickup truck, overturned and came to rest on its wheels some three feet away from a telephone pole.

U.S. 'Strong' For Summit

MIAMI (AP) — Vice-President Nixon said Saturday the United States is so strong it can go into "any summit conference without the necessity of submitting to blackmail on the part of the Soviet Union."

He said the over-all military strength of the United States and its allies is greater than that of the Soviet Union.

Share-the-Flowers On Again

Gardeners Will Provide New Glimpse of Spring

Flowers for the bedsides of shut-ins, cut off from the pleasures of spring outdoors, will be delivered again this week through the generosity of Greater Victoria flower growers and the Colonist Share-the-Flowers plan.

Second staging of the flower sharing program this year, the program will blossom out on Tuesday.

From that date until noon Thursday, growers with flowers to spare for those who might otherwise miss spring in bloom, can phone The Daily Colonist at EV 3-4111 and leave names, addresses and phone numbers.

The blooms will be picked up by volunteers Friday morning for delivery to city hospitals.

Volunteer drivers are needed again to ensure success of the flower distribution. Those able to help are asked to phone EV 3-4111 by 5 p.m., Wednesday.

The plan is set back to Tuesday this week because of Easter Monday. Because of the late start collection will be Friday instead of the usual Thursday.

In the first Share-the-Flowers program this year, carried out two weeks ago, masses of daffodils brought pleasure to patients at five hospitals.

Growth at Victim's Expense Probed

Cancer Clue Uncovered

Cells Greedy For Iodine

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Medical researchers seem to have uncovered the secret of cancer's ability to grow at its victim's expense.

They can now prevent an implanted cancer from growing in a rat, and can let a rat cancer get started, then stop it.

This suggests that early cancer in humans can be stopped and that malignant cells unavoidably left in the system after cancer removal can be kept from growing.

But the method has not been tried on humans. There is too much difference between rat and human cells to make the transition easy. And drugs that stop rat cancer are poisonous to man. One of them causes a form of madness.

But there are related drugs which are less poisonous to humans and which still can stop rat cancer. It remains to be seen whether these drugs can also stop human malignancy.

The research was directed by Dr. Kenneth Scott of the University of California medical school.

Uncovering the cancer cell's growth secret required the researchers to make their way through an unusually complicated biochemical maze.

First they noted that cancer cells are greedy for idoine.

USED TO BUILD

Then the investigators found what the cancer cells do with the iodine. They use it to build a protein-like substance, an iodine-containing polypeptide.

This polypeptide attacks and disintegrates most cells, which are normal body types. From the disintegration products the cancer cells get serotonin, a hormone-like substance which they apparently need to achieve their wild, uncontrolled growth.

Mr. Scott injected the cancer polypeptide into a rat to destroy the animal's mast cells. Hours later, after the mast cell debris had been carried away by the rat blood stream, the experimenter injected cancer cells into the rat. The cancer cells did not grow.

Then the researchers injected cancer cells into another animal and quickly administered the polypeptide. This time the polypeptide tore down the rat's mast cells just in time to supply the newly implanted cancer cells with serotonin. The cancer cells grew luxuriantly.

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Off to Florida

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will fly to Florida, Monday, in President Eisenhower's plane for "indefinite stay" to convalesce.

Red Planes Hunt For Dalai Lama

KALIMPONG, India (AP)—The Chinese Communists have sent warplanes to search for the Dalai Lama, reliable sources said Saturday.

But the 23-year-old god-king is believed safe in southern Tibet where anti-Communist forces have governed for the last 18 months, the informant reported.

Reports reaching this Tibetan caravan terminal say the Chinese were still wiping out pockets of resistance in the Lhasa area a week after the major fighting in the centre of the Tibetan capital died down.

Bad weather hampered the air search for the Dalai Lama, however.

The area controlled by the Red Chinese is reliably reported to extend only some 20-30 miles south from Lhasa.

From there to Tibet's southern border with Bhutan and India's northeast frontier, the Tibetan "national defence army" is reported in control, challenged by occasional brief and heavily-armed Communist forays.

The Dalai Lama, last known to be in Lhasa March 17, is reported to be with these forces. Their control of the area has been so strong they have even been collecting taxes from local inhabitants, the reports said.

As long as the Dalai Lama is alive and out of Communist Chinese hands, Red rule in Tibet is expected to be difficult unless strong measures are used.

Old Riverboat's Last Voyage

To Include Stop at Victoria

Kitimat Says Farewell to Floating Bunkhouse

KITIMAT, B.C. (CP) — The Delta King, an aged Sacramento riverboat used since 1952 by the Aluminum Company of Canada as a bunkhouse for Kitimat construction workers, was refloated and towed into midstream yesterday.

Crowds lined the shore to watch the famous old sternwheeler make her departure from Kitimat, 250 miles northwest of Vancouver, where she has added a touch of romance to the cold shores of the Douglas channel.

Now she is going home—to Stockton, Calif., where she will be restored to her original condition and set up as an historical museum and monument to pioneer river steamers.

The Delta King was refloated in her basin and given a preliminary tug by cables at noon high tide. Early yesterday, with three men aboard, the old ship slipped free with barely a tremor from the mud bank where she has been berthed for nearly seven years.

As the lines of her hulk from midship to stern became visible for the first time, cheers went up from the crew, construction workers and onlookers.

Floodlights, focused on the blistered paint on her hull, were reflected in the three tiers of her stateroom windows. In darkness herself, she seemed a ghost ship as she slid gently across the calm surface of the channel.

The Delta King is to be taken over tomorrow by Island Tug and Barge Company of Victoria and will be towed down the coast to the B.C. capital where she will be sheathed in for a five-day tow to her former home at Stockton.

A deep-sea diver from the tug company arrived Friday to inspect her hull before the journey south.

Yesterday, the only passenger aboard was a fat tabby cat who with one man on shore is keeping a 24-hour watch until the vessel is taken over by the barge company.

The new owner is the Stockton Chamber of Commerce, which plans to set her up as a museum.

The Delta King and her sister ship the Delta Queen were fabricated in Glasgow, Scotland, shipped to Stockton in parts and launched there in 1926.

They were operated as passenger vessels on a year-round schedule on the Sacramento River between Sacramento and San Francisco until the 1930s when hard times caused them to be laid up.

During the Second World War the U.S. navy took them over and used them in San Francisco Bay for conveying personnel to and from ocean-going ships. At the end of the war they were turned over to the U.S. Maritime Commission.

Subsequently, the Delta Queen was acquired by private interests and is operated on the Mississippi River as a pleasure cruise boat. In 1952, Alcan acquired the Delta King, towed her here and earthed her in to house construction workers building the Kitimat aluminum smelter.